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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
37 C.F.R. 1.102 and MPEP § 708.02(VIII)

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Dear Sir:

1. Petition -- MPEP § 708.02(VIII)(A):

Applicant hereby petitions to make this new application special. This application has not
received any examination by the Examiner.

2. Fee

The Office is authorized to charge fees for this petition to Deposit Account No. 50-1351
(Order No. SVIPGP003B).

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3. Claims -- MPEP § 708.02(VIII)(B)

All of the claims in this case are directed to a single invention. If the Office determines that all of the claims presented are not directed to a single invention, then applicant will make an election without traverse as a prerequisite to the grant of special status.

4. Searches and Declaration -- MPEP § 708.02(VIII)(C)

As the undersigned practitioner, being duly registered to practice before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, I declare that a careful and thorough pre-examination search of the prior art has been made.

The following Examiners were consulted regarding an appropriate field of search. Their recommended search fields are also listed. These Examiners were contacted on March 29, 2004.

<u>Examiner</u>	<u>Search Field</u>
Raymond Bayerl	345/738, 739, 744, 745, 747, 760, 847 715/512
Dung Dinh	709/217, 218, 219
Marc Thompson	345/733, 738, 739, 747 709/217, 218, 219, 245

The search included the following classes and subclasses.

CLASS 345 COMPUTER GRAPHICS PROCESSING, OPERATOR INTERFACE
PROCESSING, AND SELECTIVE VISUAL DISPLAY SYSTEMS
Subclasses 733, 738, 739, 744, 745, 747, 760, 847

CLASS 705 DATA PROCESSING: FINANCIAL, BUSINESS PRACTICE,
MANAGEMENT, OR COST/PRICE DETERMINATION

Subclasses 1, 26, 27

CLASS 709 ELECTRICAL COMPUTERS AND DIGITAL PROCESSING
SYSTEMS: MULTIPLE COMPUTER OR PROCESS COORDINATING
Subclasses 217, 218, 219, 245

CLASS 715 DATA PROCESSING: PRESENTATION PROCESSING OF
DOCUMENT
Subclass 512

The PTO's EAST system was used to perform an all-class keyword search in the USPAT, US PUB, JPO and EPO databases. In addition, non-patent prior art was also searched using the ACM Digital Library and the IEEE Xplore search engine.

The resulting potential references were reviewed for their degree of relevancy to the present invention.

5. Discussion of Related References —MPEP § 708.02(VIII)(D) and (E)

There is submitted herewith each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter of the claimed invention. See form PTO-1449 et al.

(1) Microsoft Internet Explorer v. 6.0, Released at least as early as August 2001

In Figure 1 below, Microsoft® Internet Explorer v. 6 is shown to include a plurality of identifiers adjacent to and/or separate from a window in which content may be browsed. The identifiers may be used to access previously stored links to content.

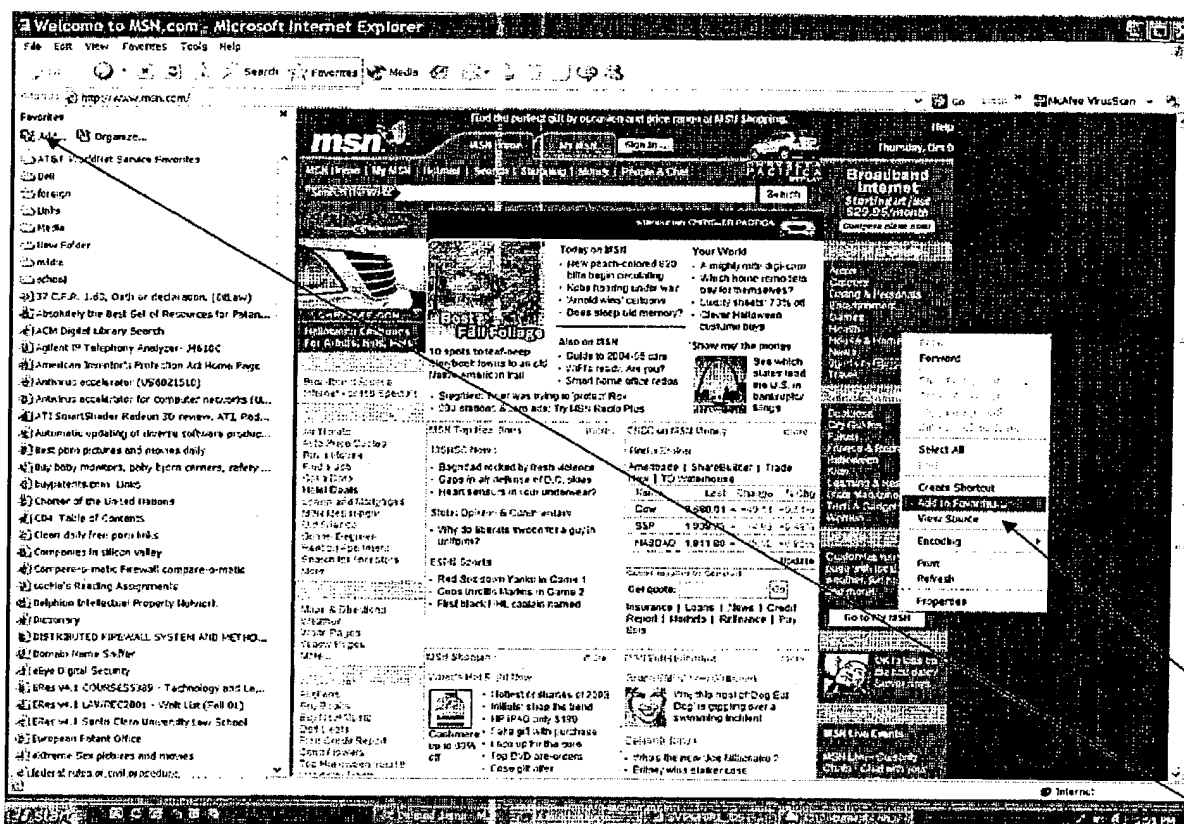


Figure 1

In order to store content that is currently displayed, however, one must select an “add to favorites” selection. See Figure 1, for example.

In response to such selection, a plurality of available identifiers is displayed for allowing a user to select one of the identifiers, in association with which the content may be organized. See Figure 2. So that the content itself is stored (and not just a link thereto), a “Make available offline” option may also be selected. Again, see Figure 2.

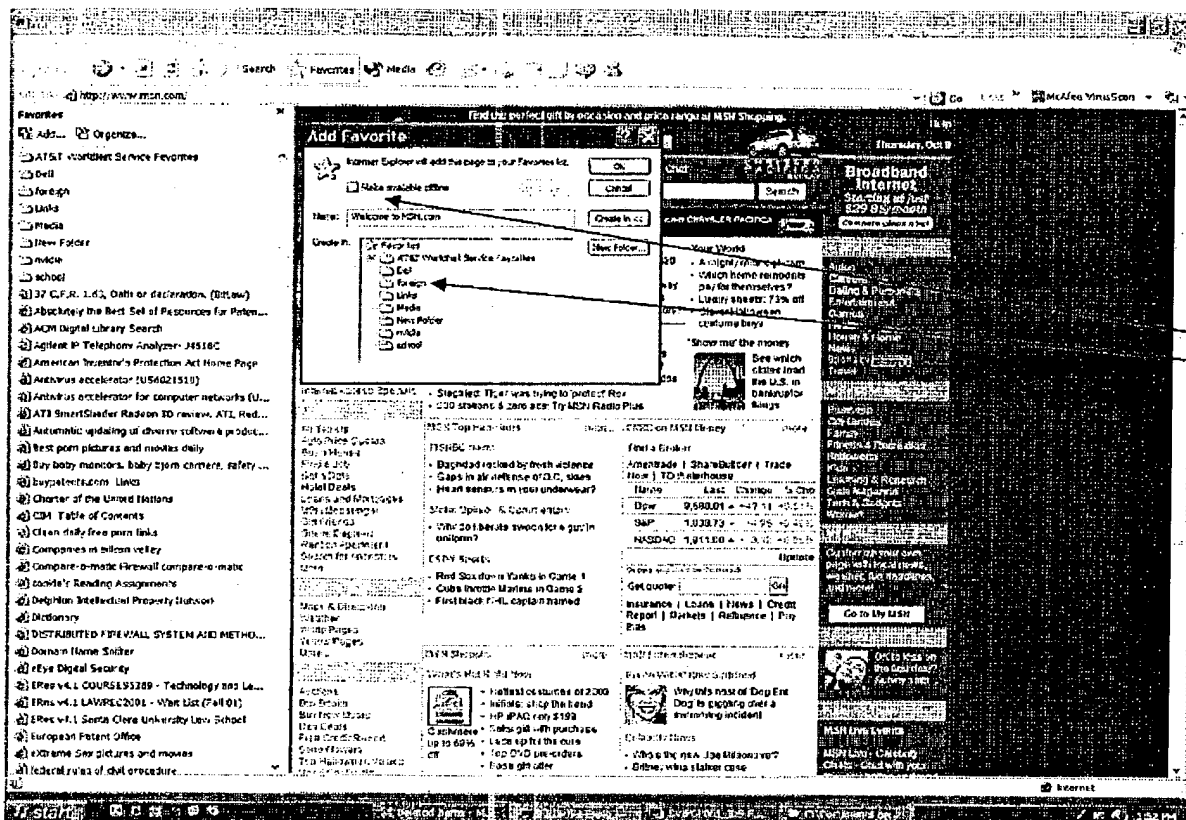


Figure 2

Thus, when a user wants to browse a network and store network content in association with one particular identifier, the user must “post-select” (i.e. select afterwards) the desired identifier using a menu (again, see Figure 2), for content to be stored in association with one particular identifier. Moreover, a “Make available off-line” option must be enabled.

This makes organizing and storing web content very cumbersome.

To overcome such deficiencies, applicant teaches and claims the ability to “pre-select” at least one of a plurality of identifiers. “[T]hereafter” or “after the pre-selection,” content may be stored and correlated with the “pre-selected identifier.” To this end, the cumbersome nature of the above prior art is avoided, since a user does not have to post-select an identifier when attempting to store content for offline use, in the manner described above.

The tremendous benefit of such clear distinction may be illustrated with an example of use. In the present example, imagine a user performing Internet research relating to fruit (i.e. apples, oranges, etc.). The user may wish to first research apples. In the context of the claimed invention, the user would first "pre-select" an identifier reflecting "apples." "[T]hereafter" or "after the pre-selection," while browsing, the user may simply select content relating to "apples" for storage and correlation in association with the "pre-selected identifier." Thus, the user can immediately continue his or her research on apples, WITHOUT having to "post-select" (i.e. select afterwards) the apple identifier in the cumbersome manner required in the abovementioned prior art. Similarly, after researching apples, the user may wish to then research oranges. In such case, the user may "pre-select" an identifier reflecting "oranges" and continue as set forth above, WITHOUT having to "post-select" (i.e. select afterwards) the orange identifier for orange-related content found during research.

Again, only applicant teaches and claims a "graphical user interface for use in association with a network browser," including the following (note emphasized language above in the specific context of the remaining claim language set forth below):

"a network browser window associated with a network browser for displaying Internet content associated with uniform resource locators (URLs) during network browsing;
a plurality of identifiers adjacent to and/or separate from the window in which the content is displayed;
wherein a user is allowed to pre-select one of the identifiers;
wherein, after the pre-selection, selected content associated with at least one of the URLs displayed during use of the network browser is correlated with the pre-selected identifier and stored."

Only applicant teaches and claims such a unique combination of features set forth above for the specific purpose of improving the manner in which Internet content may be stored.

(2) Netscape Navigator v. 6.1, Released at least as early as June 2001

This prior art is deemed cumulative and/or less relevant with respect to the previous item.

(3) U.S. Pat. No. 5,877,765 by Dickman, issued March 02, 1999

This reference is titled "Method and System for Displaying Internet Shortcut Icons on the Desktop" and it teaches the following:

"Once the Internet document is displayed within the client area of the Internet explorer window 58, the user has a number of options for creating a shortcut to the document. ... When a user selects the "Add To Favorites . . . " menu option 78 or activates the "Add To Favorites . . . " button 84, an "Add To Favorites . . . " dialog 86 (FIG. 9C) is displayed. A list 92 lists the Internet shortcuts that are currently in the "Favorites" folder. The name of the page for which an Internet shortcut is to be added is listed in the Name text box 88. The user has the option of creating a different name for the Internet shortcut. When a user wishes to add an Internet shortcut for the current page to the "Favorites..." folder, the user activates the "Add" button 90." (see col. 6, line 49 through col. 7, line 17)

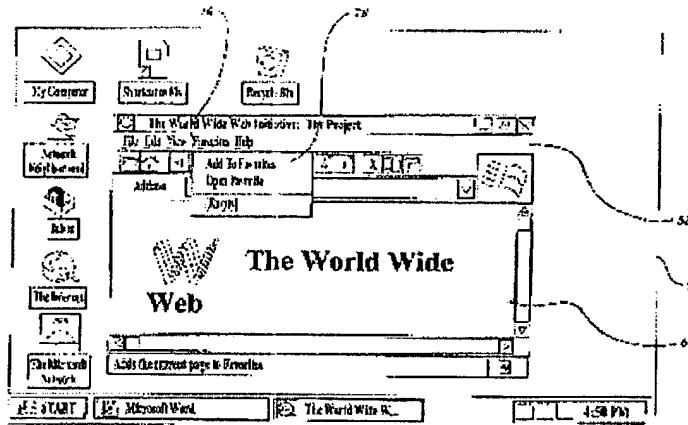


Figure 9A

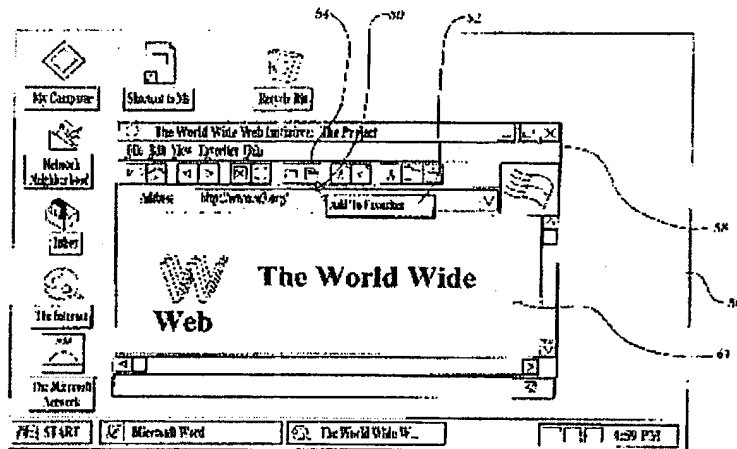


Figure 9B

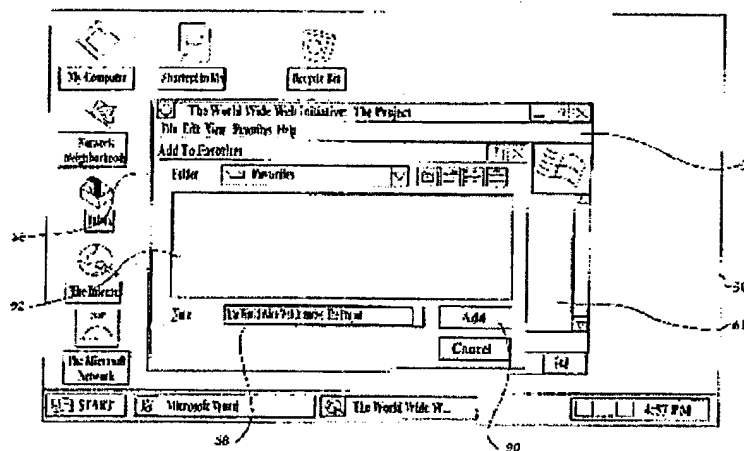


Figure 9C

In summary, during browsing, when a currently displayed page (see 61 in FIG. 9A above) is to be added as a favorite, the dialog menu (see 86 of FIG. 9C above) is displayed AFTER finding such current page for allowing the post-selection (i.e. selection afterwards) of a name identifier (see 88 of FIG. 9C above) to be correlated with the current page.

Thus, when a user wants to browse a network and store content in association with one particular identifier, the user must “post-select” (i.e. select afterwards) the desired identifier when a content link is to be stored in association with the particular identifier.

To this end, the present prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest any sort of ability to “pre-select” at least one of a plurality of identifiers, such that “thereafter” or “after the pre-selection,” content may be stored and correlated with the “pre-selected identifier.” In contrast, FIG. 9C clearly shows that the user must “post-select” (i.e. select afterwards) the desired identifier when a content link is to be stored in association with the particular identifier.

Still yet, the above reference is even less relevant with respect to the foregoing references, since it does not disclose, teach or suggest “storing” the “content,” as claimed by applicant. Instead, such reference merely suggests storing “shortcuts,” or links to content on the Web.

(4) Other Prior Art

The following prior art was carefully reviewed and determined to be, by far, less relevant and/or cumulative with respect to the above prior art.

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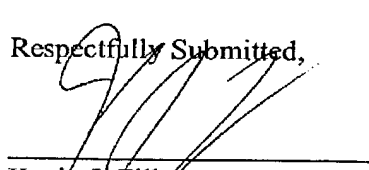
6. Conclusion

Applicant believes that this Petition to Make Special has met all requirements set forth by 37 C.F.R. 1.102 and MPEP § 708. 02(VIII), and respectfully requests that this Petition to Make Special be granted.

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